Progress of talk on treaty of Friendship 'Non-war' Pact with Pakistan

*70. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress of talks with Pakistan on treaty of peace and friendship proposed by India and a 'no-war' pact proposed by Pakistan;

(b) whether it has been possible to thrash out an agreed draft containing the substantive elements of a unified text; and

(c) if not, what are the difficulties in reaching an agreement on a unified draft and what are the points of difference between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Discussions on a draft comprehensive treaty of Peace and Friendship are substantive elements of a unified text; important aspects of the proposed treaty.

Sri Lankan Refugees

*71. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of refugees who came to India from Sri Lanka due to disturbances there;

(b) what is the expenditure being incurred by the Government of India for the maintenance of those refugees; and

(c) what efforts are being made by Government to send them back to Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) According to the information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu 1,25,410 refugees hod come to Tamil Nadu till 16th February, 1986.

(b) The expenditure incurred on relief to the refugees during 1983--84 and 1984-85 is not available as separate account on this was not maintained prior to March, 1985. However, during 1983-84 and 1984-85 Rs. 68.50 lakhs and Rs 143.18 lakhs respectively were spent on providing relief to both repartriates as well as refugees. During 1985--86, from when a separate account for expenditure on relief to the refugees was maintained Rs. 1.76 crores had been spent on this account till September, 1985 as reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(c) The Government of India has been helping to bring about a ceasefire arrangement and to open direct negotiations between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lankan Tamil Groups so that a peaceful solution is achieved which will enable the Tamils to obtain their legitimate rights within a united democratic Sri Lanka.

Posting of UK Customs Officers in India

*72. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have receivel a proposal to permit the UK Government to post their customs officers in India with a view to tracking down heroin traffickers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Goverument have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The U.K. Government have proposed the appointment of one Drug Liaison Officer each in the British Higt Commission in New Delhi and the Dsputy High Commission in Bombay, to deal exclusively with illegal trafficking in drugs.

(c) The matter is under consideration.